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Appositive Phrases

5j. An **appositive phrase** consists of an appositive and its modifiers.

EXAMPLES Australian football, **a fast-moving sport**, is played with eighteen players per team. [The article *a* and the adjective *fast-moving* modify the appositive *sport*.]
Before her appointment to the Supreme Court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, **a graduate of Columbia Law School**, taught and practiced law. [The adjective phrase of *Columbia Law School* modifies the appositive *graduate*.]

EXERCISE A Underline the appositive phrase in each sentence below. Then, circle the word or words that the appositive phrase identifies.

Example 1. Mr. Torres told us that guinea pigs rodents originally from South America, are not related to pigs.

- Oxygen, one of the most plentiful elements on our planet, is used in the fuel systems of rockets.
- A perch, a type of freshwater fish, is the first fish that Ella caught on her recent trip.
- Photographs taken by William Henry Jackson, an American photographer, turned out to be one reason that Yellowstone became a national park.
- Reggie was surprised to learn that "Twist and Shout," the song playing on the radio, was one that both he and his mother knew.
- Until our class this morning, I'd never heard of eruptive variables, stars in the sky that suddenly grow brighter without warning.

EXERCISE B Using the words provided, write an appositive phrase in a sentence.

Example 1. my favorite color Blue, my favorite color, is the color of my new shirt.

- my favorite sport _____
- a famous city _____
- the book she's reading _____
- a CD in my collection _____
- the name of the child's dog _____
- our school mascot _____
- our favorite restaurant _____
- my best school subject _____
- a movie at the theater _____
- the author's name _____